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ICE REMOVED 247 CRIMINAL ALIENS, STATUS VIOLATORS FROM KANSAS AND MISSOURI IN AUGUST

KANSAS CITY—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers removed from the United States 247 criminal aliens and status violators from the states of Kansas and Missouri during August.

These aliens originally came from Albania, Brazil, Canada, China, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Latvia, Mexico, Peru, and Uzbekistan.

Of the 247 removed from the two-state area last month, 74 were criminal aliens convicted of crimes such as drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape and domestic violence.

An additional 24 were absconders who had been previously ordered deported from the U.S and failed to surrender to the federal government. These 24 aliens, of whom 15 were criminals, had attempted to elude law enforcement and were considered a threat to public safety.

Since Oct. 1, ICE's Kansas City sub-office, which encompasses the states of Kansas and Missouri, has removed 2,619 aliens from the United States.

"Our primary mission is to locate, detain and remove all aliens who violate our nation's immigration laws," said Debbie Achim, ICE Chicago Detention and Removal Operations field office director. "By removing alien criminals, absconders and others who threaten public safety, we play a major role in keeping our communities safe." Achim oversees a six-state area that includes Kansas and Missouri.

The August removals are part of a 10-year strategic national initiative focused on locating, apprehending and removing all persons who have been through due process and have been issued a final order of removal.

A primary goal of ICE Detention and Removal Operations is to reduce the number of alien absconders hiding in the United States. An absconder is a foreign national who has been ordered by a federal immigration judge to report for removal, but failed to comply with the order. Since these absconders have already been through immigration proceedings, they are subject to immediate removal from the country once they are apprehended.

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